International Border Between India and Pakistan

1635. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accept 'The Line of Control' into the international border between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether several eminent personalities have urged Government to declare LOC into the international border between India and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Government have been from time to time statements attributed to quarters within and outside India outlining such approaches for resolving the J&K issue with Pakistan. Some of these statements have suggested a solution to the J&K issue which, inter-alia, may involve recognition of the LDC as the international border between India and Pakistan. However, Government do not have under consideration any such proposal.

Conference to discuss Challenges of Changing World

1636. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Conference to discuss "Challenges of the Decade in Changing World" has been organised at New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of participants;

(c) whether it has been suggested that India has to take some measures to adjust to the realignment of forces in Asia and become part of the action in the realm of economic restructuring taking place in the region;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action on these suggestions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government is not aware of any such conference having taken place at New Delhi in recent past; many conferences are organised by private agencies without the knowledge of Government. Such a conference was not organised by Government, nor sponsored by a Government agency.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Demand to bring out White Paper on Pakistan's Involvement in Weakening India

1637. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to expose Pakistan's concrete involvement in unleasing violence and trouble to weaken India;

(b) if so, whether there is persistant demand to bring out a white paper detailing Pakistan's involvement in aiding, abetting and fomenting communal passions within India; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Government, have and will continue to apprise the international community of the factual position regarding Pakistan's involvement with terrorism directed against India.